REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending. Claim 1 is amended by this Amendment to correspond with the description of the EGR device as discussed in the first full paragraph on page 11 of the originally filed application. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is submitted herein.

Applicants respectfully acknowledge and appreciate the indication by the Examiner that Claims 1-5 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Further, Applicants note the Examiner indicates since the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Claim 1 is objected to for informalities therein. Claim 1 is amended herein to correspond with the written description of the EGR device (11) as presented in the first full paragraph on page 11 of the originally filed application. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(b) for supposedly being incomplete. Applicants respectfully traverse the objection.

In particular, the Office Action asserts, in Figure 1, the location of the intake valve (4) should be adjacent the intake pipe (14) and similarly, the location of the exhaust valve (5) should be adjacent the exhaust pipe (16) for proper illustration of the invention. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Applicants respectfully point out Figure 1 is a schematic diagram of the IC engine incorporating a valve timing control system therein. The engine (3) is schematically drawn to include an intake camshaft (6) and an exhaust camshaft (7). The intake

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camshaft (6), as illustrated in Figure 1, includes an intake cam (6a) that is connected to and drives the intake valve (4). Similarly, the exhaust camshaft (7), as illustrated in Figure 1, includes an exhaust cam (7a) that is connected to and drives the exhaust valve (5). Moreover, Figure 1 schematically illustrates the proper illustration of the invention as discussed in the paragraph bridging pages 7-8 and the paragraph bridging pages 9-10 of the originally filed application. As such, Applicants respectfully traverse the objection as Figure 1, as originally filed, properly illustrates (schematically) the invention of the instant application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding objections, allowance of Claims 1-5, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 108419-00051**.

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